

## Weekend Weather

**Today:** Partly cloudy – high 88, low 72

**Saturday:** Sunny – high 88, low 70

**Sunday:** Sunny – high 86, low 72



## Dress and Appearance Tip

Wolf Pack members are reminded that tattoos visible in or out of uniform must not cover more than one-fourth of the body part.

## Force Protection Tip

Wolf Pack members are reminded not to touch or move anything resembling a suspicious package. Bring it to someone's attention and have the proper authorities called to examine it.



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## PACAF commander relays wishes for safe Labor Day holiday celebrations

*By Gen. William Begert*  
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Labor Day marks the end of another 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign and what I hope to be the end of a negative trend in preventable mishaps in Pacific Air Forces.

The number one cause in nearly all of our mishaps during the campaign can be attributed to human factors. For some reason, people continue to use poor judgment and take unnecessary risks while engaged in both on- and off-duty activities.

The results so far: two PACAF members died, an aircraft was destroyed, one building nearly destroyed by fire, and more than 240 duty days lost – a lot of need-

less pain, suffering, and loss!

Labor day also marks the end of the summer season. This will probably be the last chance for some people to have a little family fun before the school season gets into full swing.

Fun can immediately turn into tragedy when proven safe practices are ignored. The off-duty environment continues to be our most challenging area.

People sometimes throw caution to the wind just to have a little fun. We've got to get everyone in PACAF thinking and practicing risk management all the time. That's the only way we'll be able to turn our current trend around. We can do it!

Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day holiday weekend – think risk management and stay safe.

## President nominates Air Force general for top military post

WASHINGTON — President George Bush tapped Gen. Richard Myers to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during a news conference in Texas Aug. 24.

If confirmed by the Senate, Myers would succeed Army Gen. Henry Shelton as the top uniformed officer in the U.S. military, and become the first Air Force officer to hold that post since Gen. David Jones (1978-1982). Bush also nominated Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, currently commander of U.S. Southern Command, to become vice chairman, replacing Myers, who has held that position since March 2000.

Bush, speaking before reporters at his ranch near Crawford, Texas, called Myers “the right man to preserve the best traditions of our armed forces, while challenging them to innovate to meet the threats of the future. His is a skilled and steady hand.”

Those sentiments were echoed by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Secretary of the Air Force James Roche.

“I’ve had the great fortune to work closely with Dick Myers and with General Hugh Shelton over these past few months,” Rumsfeld said. “What I have come to know and expect of General Myers is candor, deliberation, judgment, keen insights, fiber and good humor. His career is the embodiment of the transformation with which he will be charged as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He is a leader.”

Roche spoke confidently of the general’s qualifications for the job at hand.

“I am extremely proud that President Bush has decided to nominate General Richard Myers to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,” Roche said. “His long service to our country and extensive knowledge and broad range of experience of command in



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Noel II*

**Gen. Richard Myers (left) and President George Bush talk to reporters Aug. 24 after the president nominated Myers to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. If confirmed by the Senate, Myers would succeed Army Gen. Henry Shelton, who retires in September.**

important geographic and regional assignments will ably serve the president and Secretary Rumsfeld as we proceed into a new era.

“The entire Air Force is proud to have one of our own nominated to this high position of trust and responsibility representing all our men and women in uniform,” Roche said. “Should he be confirmed, I look forward to serving with him as we ensure our armed forces remain the best in the world.”

Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, said that Myers possesses all the right qualities to help the U.S. armed forces remain the very best in the world.

“I’ve known and worked with General Dick Myers for over two decades ... I’m both personally and professionally pleased to see his nomination as the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,” Ryan said. “He is a man of great integrity, combat proven, with an extremely sharp mind. His operational command expertise circles the globe and spans into space. His experience reaches into the political realm as the assistant to the chairman working closely with the secretary of state.

“With all these credentials, he is still as down to earth as the Harley he drives, the sheep dogs he owns, or the TR6 (car) he has rebuilt,” Ryan said. “He and Mary Jo are a couple who have given their lives to the service of our country. As the vice chairman he has earned the trust, respect and confidence of the administration, Congress and each of the services. If confirmed, I am confident he will make a superb chairman.”

Myers is a 1965 graduate of Kansas State University and a veteran of the Vietnam War with more than 600 combat flying hours. He said he is ready to roll up his sleeves and get to work, building the kind of military envisioned by Bush — one that will meet “current obligations and emerging threats.”

“If confirmed,” Myers said, “I very much look forward to remaining part of this terrific defense team, captained by a dedicated and principled secretary of defense.”

Myers joined the Air Force in June 1965 and has seen a variety of assignments, ranging from squadron and wing commander to inspector general. Before taking the position of vice chairman of the JCS, he served as commander in chief of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, and commander of U.S. Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

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